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So Ordered.

March 13, 2008

Charles L. Brieant

USAJ

Re: Hope Mickens v. New York State Department of Correctional Services, et al. (07-Civ-7621) (CB)

Dear Judge Brieant:

The purpose of this letter is to report on the progress toward settlement in this matter, where Plaintiff is seeking legal fees under 42 U.S.C. §1988, in the successful prosecution before the New York State Division of Human Rights of a claim of retaliation arising from a discrimination claim.

As of date, the Plaintiff's attorney has provided the applicable billing records, which are currently being reviewed, and we are optimistic about trying to resolve this matter.

This matter is before the Court on Friday, March 14, 2008, for an appearance and defendants' time to move or answer ends on that same date. However, the defendants respectfully request that the Court appearance as well as the time to answer or move be deferred until Friday, April 18, 2008, or such time as the Court deems appropriate, in order to allow defendants additional time to conclude this process of review. The Plaintiff consents to this request.

The Honorable Brieant

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We notified the Court of this request by telephone today, and the Court suggested that a letter be sent.

Respectfully submitted,



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